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cylinder 9 is pressurized because of which the arm 10a moves into the supply direction and arm 10b moves counter to the supply direction. The skin gripping means grip the skin at the lower side of the carcass, at the tip, while the Skinner 5 as a whole moves along with the support 3.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following clean copy text for the pending claims of the same number, and cancel claims 14 and 16, without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer.

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1. 1. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is provided with means for leading the supports in a supply direction past at least one processing installation, wherein the device has a Skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said Skinner is provided with skin gripping means for gripping the skin and means for moving the skin gripping means relatively with respect to the carcass and substantially perpendicular to the supply direction during skinning.

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1. 8. (Once Amended) Device according to claim 7, wherein only one of either roller comprises means for its driving, wherein said roller drives the other roller.

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1. 11. (Once Amended) Device according to claim 10, wherein the rollers have been provided with corrugations in the longitudinal direction.

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1. 12. (Once Amended) Device according to claim 11, wherein one of the rollers, a non-driven roller, comprises a middle portion which is provided with a corrugated surface all round, and has outsides having a diameter smaller than the middle portion.

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1. 13. (Once Amended) Device according to claim 30, wherein the discharge device comprises an ejection plate, perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of both rollers, wherein the first roller is attached to the ejection plate, and the ejection plate is provided with a hole.

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4 for sliding over the second roller, wherein the ejection plate is provided with means for
5 moving the ejection plate to a discharge position from an inactive position to the outside
6 over and perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the second roller.

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1 22. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising
2 a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is
3 provided with means for leading the supports in a supply direction past processing
4 installations, wherein the device has a skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof,
5 said skinner is provided with an arm perpendicular to the supply direction provided with
6 skin gripping means for gripping the skin, said skinner is movable along the arm.

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1 23. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising
2 a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is
3 provided with means for leading the supports past processing installations, wherein the
4 device has a skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said skinner having skin
5 gripping means and is provided with means for moving the skin gripping means in a plane
6 of symmetry of the carcass, wherein the skin gripping means are rollers that are oriented
7 perpendicular to the plane of symmetry of the carcass.

1 24. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising
2 a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is
3 provided with means for leading the supports past processing installations, wherein the
4 device has a skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said skinner has skin
5 gripping means and discharge means for ejecting the skin from the skin gripping means.

1 25. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising
2 a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is
3 provided with means for leading the supports past processing installations, wherein the
4 device has a skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said skinner includes skin



5 gripping means, said skin gripping means have a skin gripping line that is perpendicular to
6 the supply direction.

1 26. (Once Amended) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising
2 a conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is
3 provided with means for leading the supports past processing installations, wherein the
4 device has a Skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said Skinner includes skin
5 gripping means, said skin gripping means includes two clamping rollers rotatable in
6 opposite directions, wherein the Skinner has means for moving the rollers along the carcass
7 said means are also a means for rotating at least one of the rollers.

1 27. (Once Amended) Skinner, for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said Skinner is
2 provided with skin gripping means for gripping the skin and means for moving the skin
3 gripping means relatively with respect to the carcass and substantially perpendicular to the
4 supply direction during skinning.

Please add the following new claims:

1 28. (New) The device according to claim 10, in which the corrugations have planar
2 toothing.

1 29. (New) The device according to claim 28, wherein the toothing is staggered and
2 engages a little, though not completely, one into the other.

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1 30. (New) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising a
2 conveyor having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is
3 provided with means for leading the supports in a supply direction past at least one
4 processing installation, wherein the device has a skinner for skinning the carcasses or
5 parts thereof, said skinner is provided with two rollers for gripping the skin and means for
6 moving the rollers relatively with respect to the carcass and substantially perpendicular to
7 the supply direction during the skinning, and has a device for discharging the skin which
8 includes means for moving one of either roller past its axis of rotation.

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1 31. (New) Device for processing poultry carcasses or parts thereof, comprising a conveyor
2 having supports for retaining the carcasses or parts thereof, said conveyor is provided with
3 means for leading the supports in a supply direction past at least one processing installation,
4 wherein the device has a skinner for skinning the carcasses or parts thereof, said skinner
5 having a skin gripping device which includes two rollers with means for rotating the rollers
6 opposite to and considered from the carcass towards each other, and wherein there are
7 means for moving the skin gripping means perpendicular to the supply direction in
8 connection to the means for rotating the rollers.

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1 32. (New) A method of skinning poultry carcasses, or parts thereof, particularly chicken,
2 wherein rollers for skinning the carcass grip the skin at one side of the carcass and are
3 pressed against the carcass, at least one of either roller being rotated so that the skin is
4 gripped between the rollers and the rollers are moved past the carcass in the pull-off
5 direction of the skin while the rollers rotate in opposite directions, clamping the skin in

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6 between them and winding it around one of the rollers, said rollers moving with respect to
7 the carcass opposite to the supply direction wherein the skin is pulled substantially
8 perpendicular to the carcass at the location where the skin becomes detached from the
9 carcass, and then pulling the skin off from the other side of the carcass and then sliding
10 the skin from the rollers.

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